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**TO:** Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *a. Infante*

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Cranston

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. With the passage of the Statewide School Construction Bond in November 2018, voters activated six new temporary bonus incentives and access to \$250M in upfront funding to support the state share of foundation school housing aid.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve a Necessity of School Construction application. A chart summarizing Cranston Public Schools' projects is provided in Attachment 1.

**RECOMMENDATION:** THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling **\$146,822,931** pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be **\$79,682,713**, which includes \$16,972,418 in pay-as-you-go funding):

**Cranston:**

a. New Construction/Major Renovations

i.	Eden Park Elementary School	\$ 18,194,543
ii.	Garden City Elementary School	\$ 40,326,431
iii.	Gladstone Elementary School	\$ 57,394,427
iv.	Park View Middle School	\$ 9,672,088
v.	Cranston West High School	\$ 7,293,766

b. Districtwide Repairs and Renovations:

i.	Dutemple Elementary School	\$ 180,937
ii.	Edgewood Elementary School	\$ 567,492
iii.	Edward Rhodes Elementary School	\$ 626,026
iv.	George Peters Elementary School	\$ 395,894
v.	Glen Hills Elementary School	\$ 626,359
vi.	Oak Lawn Elementary School	\$ 410,235

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vii.	Orchard Farms Elementary School	\$	795,956
viii.	Stadium Elementary School	\$	458,530
ix.	Stone Hill Elementary School	\$	545,563
x.	Woodridge Elementary School	\$	432,248
xi.	Hope Highland Middle School	\$	345,031
xii.	Hugh Bain Middle School	\$	1,842,389
xiii.	Western Hills Middle School	\$	2,179,500
xiv.	Cranston East High School.	\$	4,535,516

## SUMMARY: FY 2020 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

CRANSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2020 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST**	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST***
<b>New Construction/ Major Renovation</b>	This project includes new construction of two elementary schools – Gladstone Elementary School and Garden City Elementary School – as part of a districtwide masterplan. Major renovations are planned at Park View Middle School and Cranston High West, while renovations and additions are planned at Eden Park School to include safety and code upgrades, site improvements, accessibility upgrades, educational enhancements, building envelope repairs, and other building system repairs.	This project is part of a masterplan that includes the construction of the Gladstone Elementary School (90,915 sqft) with 750 seats and Garden City Elementary School (85,455 sqft) with 575 seats. The master plan also includes major renovations and additions at Eden Park School, and major renovations at Park View Middle School and Cranston West High School addressing high priority and educational program needs.	Base Rate  54.3%	\$146,822,931	\$79,682,713	\$113,149,453
			Maximum Rate  74.3%****	\$146,822,931	\$109,047,300	\$154,847,165
<b>Districtwide Repairs</b>	This project will address health and safety, life-safety, building envelope, educational, and other building system repairs at district facilities.	The project will also include health, safety, and security improvements, including building envelope repairs, fire safety improvements, security projects, site repairs, electrical upgrades, educational program improvements, ADA compliance, hazardous materials abatement, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.				

\* State share ratio is based on FY2020 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

\*\* The approval only includes bond funded projects.

\*\*\* Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

\*\*\*\* District may be eligible for a maximum of 20% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.